## Jennie ElShakhs

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## **Kelly Lyman**

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Dear Kelly,

I am writing to request a one-year leave of absence from my teaching position at Mansfield Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. This is not an easy decision, but ultimately I feel that this is the best interest of my students and family.

I have had a difficult time recently with my personal health, and with some significant family health issues. Over time, continuing to work hard to meet my own professional expectations despite these challenges has resulted in further struggles with my personal health. I believe that taking a year to regroup will allow me to recover and return ready to intellectually and emotionally engage with my students again.

I appreciate your consideration of my request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have about this request.

Sincerely,

Jennie ElShakhs

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CC: Candace Morell, Larry Barlow